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> RE: Subpoena to Americans for Economic Growth, MUR 4953 **Extension Letter**

Dear Ms. Abely:

Today I received your letter noting that the Office of General Counsel has extended the time to respond to a Notice Letter and Subpoena to Produce Documents addressed to Americans for Economic Growth ("AEG") in MUR 4953.

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Your letter noted that the extension was in response to our telephone conversation of June 20 and my letter of June 30, 2003. We also talked on the telephone on June 30.

In both the June 30 communications, I pointed out to you that I no longer represented AEG, and that I was simply forwarding the material to the corporation's registered agent at their registered address. I have similarly forwarded your extension letter.

The last sentence of your letter, however, is unclear. It reads, in relevant part: "your response is due." Perhaps you intended this to mean AEG's response, in which case, the letter should have gone to the corporation's registered address. In addition, the second sentence of your letter ("The notice letter with discovery request was, according to your letter, received on June 20, 2003.") is overbroad, as I received the letter then, but the corporation did not. I no longer represent AEG in this or any other matter.

If, on the other hand, your letter was intended to suggest that I am expected to respond to the Notice and Subpoena to AEG, we need to have an entirely different conversation. Such a request would present substantial legal and ethical issues. As we discussed on June 20, any

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information in my files concerning AEG is suffused with attorney-client and other privileges. Absent client consent, I am required by law to assert such privileges and protect the material, even after the termination of my representation. A simple administrative subpoena will likely not be sufficient for the release of any such material, especially in the absence of client consent. Thus, absent further discussions or authorization, I will not be responding to the Notice and Subpoena.

Sincerely,

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